

Approved: Meeting No. 33-16

Attest:

Bridget Donnell Newton

Sara Super-Fennell

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

February 22, 2016

Meeting No. 06-16

7:00 p.m.

Executive Session Summary for February 22, 2016

1. Convene in Open Session to vote on motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1)(i) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of the City Clerk/Director of Council Operations, an employee over whom the Mayor and Council has jurisdiction.

2. The Mayor and Council met in Executive Session on Monday, February 22, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Diamondback Terrapin Conference Room, City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland.

Councilmember Feinberg, made the motion to convene in Executive Session, seconded by Councilmember Pierzchala, and passed unanimously.

Present:

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton, Councilmember Beryl Feinberg, Councilmember Virginia Onley, Councilmember Julie Palakovich Carr and Councilmember Mark Pierzchala. Also present Director Human Resources Karen Marshall and, for part of the meeting, City Attorney Debra Daniel.

The Mayor and Council discussed a personnel matter related to the City Clerk/Director of Council Operations.

Action Taken: to adjourn.

The Executive Session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

3. Reconvene in Open Session

The Mayor and Council reconvened in open session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday February 22, 2016. In the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland.

Present:

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton, Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember Virginia Onley, Councilmember Julie Palakovich Carr, Councilmember Mark Pierzchala.

Staff Present:

City Manager Barbara Matthews, Acting City Clerk Sara Taylor-Ferrell, and City Attorney Debra Daniel.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Agenda Review

Acting City Clerk Sara Taylor-Ferrell was absent.

6. City Manager's Report

City Manager Barbara Matthews announced that Glenview Mansion Art Gallery is gearing up for its popular annual student art show featuring artwork from Rockville students in grades K to 12.

Artwork can be dropped off at the Mansion located at 603 Edmonston Drive, on Sunday February 28 between 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

City Manager Barbara Matthews mentioned that nominations are being accepted for the Mayor and Council's Environmental Excellence Awards through Tuesday March 1. These awards recognize individuals and organizations that contribute to Rockville's environmental health and sustainability. The awards will be presented in April during Earth Month.

For more information and application forms visit www.rockvillemd.gov/environment/awards or call 240-314-8870.

City Manager Barbara Matthews informed everyone that the City's water conservation program is offering new, water-saving toilets to homeowners based on financial need.

For more information and application forms please call the Community Services Division at 240-314-8310. Seniors (60 and older) should contact the Senior Services Division at 240-314-8810.

7. Community Forum

Citizen	Issue
Bob Wright	CCRCR (Concerned Citizens for the Rockshire Center Redevelopment) Facebook page
Erik Ledbetter	Carver School Bus Depot and College Square Homeowners
Patricia Woodward	Thank you to Mayor and Council
Jaques Gelin	Vote not to reappoint Don Hadley
Vladimir Jacobs	Proposed Carver School Bus Parking
Kerry Brenner	Proposed Carver School Bus Parking
Eric Fulton	Proposed Carver School Bus Parking
Edward Daniel	Proposed Carver School Bus Parking
Ed Feinberg	Boards and Commissions
Barry Kemelhor	Proposed Carver School Bus Parking
Radu Marin	Proposed Carver School Bus Parking
Joe Anastasi	Proposed Carver School Bus Parking
Joe Jordan	Vote on Don Hadley
Noreen Bryan	Vote on Don Hadley
Ken Sonner	Vote on Don Hadley, Thanks for Swim Center improvements
Margaret Cho	Vote on Don Hadley
Tom Gibney	Vote on Don Hadley
Nancy Korr	Proposed Carver School Bus Parking

Drew Powell

Vote on Don Hadley

Wendy Ratnell

Proposed Carver School Bus Parking

Theresa Defino

Proposed Carver School Bus Parking

8. Mayor and Council's Response to Community Forum and Announcements

Mayor Newton addressed a misstatement by a Montgomery County Councilmember who said she supported the new bus depot location at the intersection of Mannakee Street and Route 355. It is not true. She did ask, if they proceed with the project to be mindful of several mitigations.

Councilmember Palakovich Carr asked the City Attorney, Debra Daniel, to explain the Mandatory Referral Application process in relation to the bus depot application as well as how citizens may become involved during beginning stages of the application process.

Councilmember Feinberg stated she is looking forward to hearing more from the CCRCR (Concerned Citizens for the Rockshire Center Redevelopment). She also stated that she voted for Don Hadley and hopes Mayor Newton will resubmit his name for consideration to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Feinberg also urged her colleagues to reconsider their vote. Concerning the Carver Bus Depot, she said that it is a very complex project and urged concerned citizens to contact the County Council with their concerns.

Councilmember Onley thanked everyone for coming out and added she attended one of the Rockshire Community meetings. She also clarified her vote against Don Hadley's reappointment to the Planning Commission and addressed the name calling by citizens not in agreement with her decision, she added that everyone has the right to disagree but everyone does not have the right to be disrespectful.

Councilmember Palakovich Carr addressed the audience stating that her vote against Don Hadley was not personal or political and that she wants to see more diversity and expertise in different areas on the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Pierzchala stated he was happy that the Concerned Citizens for the Rockshire Center Redevelopment was formed and would like to get to know them better. He addressed a comment from a citizen about the Adequate Public Facilities Standard change made by the previous Council and said that it was a clear issue during the recent election and that those Councilmembers who supported it were elected. Councilmember Pierzchala supported Mr. Ledbetter's concern for lack of transparency of the Carver Bus Depot and said they will do what they can to react to the County's decision.

Councilmember Pierzchala also stated his vote against the reappointment of Don Hadley was not personally or politically motivated. He voted his conscience.

9. Mayor and Council Reports

Councilmember Pierzchala mentioned he attended the South Pool rededication as well as the Maryland Comptroller's Office meeting. He announced that on February 18th, his wife took the oath of allegiance as a US citizen.

Councilmember Feinberg said she attended the South Pool rededication and thanked staff, the contractors and everyone else involved; she attended the Financial Advisory Board meeting and the Human Services Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Palakovich Carr congratulated everyone on the new swim center, as well as the Asian-Pacific American Task Force along with Janet Kelly and staff for their involvement with the Lunar New Year celebration.

Councilmember Onley stated she attended the South Pool rededication, the Lunar New Year celebration, had a speaking engagement at the Young Women in Society's second anniversary, she also attended the Lincoln Park Historical Foundation's 39th anniversary, the 11th anniversary of the Leroy E. Neal African American Research Center, and the COG Transportation and Public Safety Commission meeting.

Mayor Newton stated she continued her advocacy on the part of MML and the City of Rockville. She spoke at St. Elizabeth's "If I Were Mayor" essay contest for Maryland 4th Graders, attended the opening of the Habitat for Humanity Restore on Gude Drive, and the Transportation Planning Board for the Council of Governments where the City of Rockville received two grants.

10. Proclamation Declaring the Month of February 2016 as Black History Month in Rockville

Motion: Councilmember Onley proclaimed the Month of February 2016 to be Black History Month in the City of Rockville.

Moved by Councilmember Palakovich Carr, seconded by Mayor Newton and unanimously approved.

The Proclamation was presented to Janet Kelly, Human Rights Commission staff liaison.

11. Proclamation Declaring March 7 – March 11, 2016 as Business Appreciation Month in Rockville

Motion: Councilmember Pierzchala proclaimed March 7 – 11, 2016 as Business Appreciation Month in the City Rockville.

Moved by Councilmember Pierzchala, seconded by Councilmember Onley and unanimously approved.

The Proclamation was presented to Laurie Boyer, Executive Director, Rockville Economic Development, Inc.

12. Public Hearing Regarding the Placement of the City's Recycling and Refuse Charge to the County Tax Bill

There were no speakers for the public hearing, the record will remain open until 5:00 pm on April 25, 2016.

13. Presentation – Rockville Access Audit and Transition Plan

Christine Henry, Deputy Director of Recreation and Parks introduced City Consultant, John McGovern of Recreation Accessibility Consultants, LLC (RAC), who presented the Rockville Access Audit and Transition Plan to Mayor and Council followed by discussion, questions and comments.

The meeting recessed at 9:23 p.m. and reconvened at 9:33 p.m.

14. Presentation – Rockville Economic Development Inc. Quarterly Update

Laurie Boyer, Executive Director, Rockville Economic Development, Inc. presented the Rockville Economic Development, Inc. (REDI) quarterly update followed by discussion, questions and comments.

15. Presentation – Economic Development Incentives

Laurie Boyer, Executive Director, Rockville Economic Development, Inc. presented the Rockville Economic Development, Inc. (REDI) provided direction on the proposed economic development incentives followed by discussion, questions and comments.

16. Review and Comment – Mayor and Council Action Report

The Mayor and Council went over the Action Report and made recommendations, comments and corrections.

17. Review and Comment – Future Agendas

The Mayor and Council went over the Future Agendas and made recommendations, comments and corrections.

18. Old/New Business

Mayor Newton mentioned the Maryland Municipal League - Montgomery County Chapter has asked for the City's for a \$250 donation towards their luncheon. All were in agreement.

Mayor Newton announced that Councilmember Pierzchala has volunteered to represent Mayor and Council in a voting position with the Retirement Board for a two year term.

Motion: to select Councilmember Pierzchala to represent Mayor and Council on the Retirement Board for a two year term.

Moved by Councilmember Feinberg, seconded by Councilmember Palakovich Carr and unanimously approved.

Motion: to approve the letter written by the City Manager to support the Open Space Program.

Moved by Councilmember Pierzchala, seconded by Councilmember Palakovich Carr and unanimously approved.

Councilmember Pierzchala suggested Mayor and Council revisit Senator Kegan's 911 Bill at next week's meeting so that it can be reviewed in more detail.

19. Adjourn to go into Executive Session pursuant to Sections 3-305(b)(1)(i) And 3-305(b)(7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of the City Manager, an employee over whom the Mayor and Council has jurisdiction and to obtain legal advice regarding a personnel matter.

Motion: adjourn into Executive Session

Moved by Councilmember Palakovich Carr, seconded by Councilmember Pierzchala, and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 10:52 pm.